REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	16 March 1999
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	!mom&son.jpg
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Stated
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Computer Printout
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	English

Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:

Trailers: Running time:

Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

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Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The computer printout entitled *!mom&son.jpg* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The computer printout presents sexual activity of an incestuous nature in a manner that legitimises such conduct and titillates the viewer.

The publication is a computer printout of a colour photograph that has been downloaded from the Internet and printed out onto an A4 size sheet of paper. The title *!mom&son.jpg* is typed across the top of the page. The photograph presents a naked female masturbating a naked male on a bed. Both participants appear to be adults, though the male presents as a young adult. The couple are presented as enjoying the sexual activity. The title strongly suggests an interpretation of the couple as mother and son.

The Classification Office is of the view that New Zealand society is likely to consider a sexual relationship between a mother and her son to be morally proscribed and socially harmful. The presentation of such a relationship in a positive light legitimates sexual contact between family members and may lend support to the view that it is acceptable for parents to engage in sexual activity with their children, regardless of their age.

In view of the way in which the publication presents an incestuous relationship between a mother and her son, the Classification Office finds that the availability of the publication is likely to be injurious to the public good.

It has been determined that s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (the NZBR Act) applies to this publication. However, by virtue of the presentation of matters of sex, this publication is determined to be objectionable. The Classification Office considers this a reasonable limit on freedom of expression, as outlined in s5 of the NZBR Act.

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